POTENTIAL INTERIM STUDY TOPICS

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE, 2004

(The committee is not limited to these issues)

MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION

First five items assigned by Legislative Management Committee as priority studies.

- 31. **Impacts Related to the Senior Population** to study the impact of population growth in the senior population and the impacts on all facets of state government.
- 40. Acupuncture by Chiropractors to study defining the practice of acupuncture by chiropractors (S.B. 249).
- 46. Chiropractic Training in

 Acupuncture to study the amount
 of training chiropractic physicians
 should have before they can engage
 in the practice of acupuncture.
- Guardian Ad Litem to study the duties and functions of the Guardian Ad Litem Office.
- 62. **Pharmaceutical Cost Reduction** to study benefits to consumers of dispensing, where appropriate, generic drugs (1st Sub. H.B. 69).
- 39. Access to Medical Information to study how the Legislature can enable Utahns to get information on the complication rate, mortality rate, and malpractice or error rate for individual hospitals and doctors, prices of medical procedures and services, and whether doctors and hospitals are up-to-date and adhering to the more than 1,200 published guidelines for medical care.
- 41. **Any Willing Provider** to study the Any Willing Provider concept (S.B. 216).
- 42. **Arrears in Paternity Cases** to study the establishment of arrears in paternity cases.
- Asset Test for Medicaid Eligibility to study the elimination of the asset test for Medicaid eligibility (H.B. 244).
- 44. **Bleeding Disorders in Children** to study unique challenges and costs for families of children with bleeding disorders with the objective of securing insurance coverage while allowing the family to retain assets and income.
- 45. **Charity Care** to study issues related to charity care.
- 47. **Choice of Health Care** to study prohibiting unfair competition by a

- health insurer who owns hospitals and employs health care providers in certain markets (H.B. 331).
- 48. Cost of Health Care for Bleeding Disorders to study the cost of health care for people with bleeding disorders, including health insurance and possible Medicaid coverage.
- Cost of Insurance Coverage to study and determine the reasonable cost for requiring the responsible parent to have insurance coverage.
- Coverage for Bleeding Disorders to study an insurance cap and funding issues related to bleeding disorders.
- 51. DCFS Involvement in Protective Orders - to study the involvement of the Division of Child and Family Services in the issuing of child protective orders.
- 52. **DCFS Ombudsman Changes** to study ombudsman changes in the Division of Child and Family Services (S.B. 54).
- Dental School Tuition to study the subsidizing of tuition for some students at Creighton University School of Dentistry.
- 55. Health Insurance Reimbursement for Emergencies to study health insurance reimbursement for emergency room trauma level 1 and level 2 visits and whether the insurance discount for level 1 trauma cases should be discontinued.
- 56. **Hunger** to study issues related to hunger in Utah.
- 57. **Limited Health Plans** to study audits of limited health plans.58. Maternity Health Care to study requiring accident and health insurers to cover infertility treatment when the insurer offers maternity coverage (S.B. 221).
- Medicaid Reimbursement to study Medicaid reimbursement rates for dentists.
- 60. **Medical Reserve Corps** to study issues related to the development of a Medical Reserve Corps in Utah to provide additional medical services in times of disaster.
- Midwifery to study whether the state should license certified directentry midwives.

- 63. **Prescription Drug Pricing Data** to study consumer access to prescription drug pricing data.
- 64. **Prescription Drugs for Seniors** to study Arizona's CoppeRX prescription drug program, which offers discounts on generic and brand name prescription drugs for seniors.
- 65. Protective Custody of Abused,
 Neglected, or Dependent Children to study the process followed by
 peace officers and Division of Child
 and Family Services workers in both
 the determination to take a child into
 protective custody and the manner in
 which the custody is effected (1st.
 Sub. H.B. 151).
- 66. Public Reporting of Medical Data to study the need for periodic public reporting morbidity and mortality rates for all hospitals and doctors, with breakdowns by appropriate category; prices for all procedures or services offered by pharmacies, doctors, and hospitals; maximum allowable charge that each insurance company makes for all procedures and diagnosis-related groups; hospital error rates; and all malpractice payments over \$50,000 made by any health care provider, including hospitals.
- 67. **Reporting of Electro Shock Therapy** to study whether to require physicians to report their use of electro shock therapy (H.B. 257).
- 198. Study a Certified Medication Aide Pilot Program for Long Term Care Facilities.

2005 SUNSETS

- Utah Digital Health Service Commission (Title 26, Chapter 9f)
- Health Facility Administrator Act (Title 58, Chapter 15)
- Nurse Practice Act (Title 58, Chapter 31b)
- Pilot Program for Differentiated Responses to Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (Section 62A-4a-202.7)

LEGISLATIVE AUDITS

· Lisa Bierly child welfare case